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FROM DOCTOR JOHN CONNOLLY.

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DEAR SIR

I just snatch this minute by Major McDonald to acqu [mutilated] You, that we are all in infinite confusion at this place, owing to [mutilated] tilities now actually begun, & subsisting between us, & the Indians; [mutilated] Amount of which I have in a brief manner mentioned to His Exce [mutilated] Lord Dunmore—I have this day sent Expresses into the different parts of the Country, to collect the Militia, & to imp [mutilated] all Tools & instruments necessary towards making this place defe [mutilated] against the Enemy; & at the same time have despatched pressing [mutilated] down the River to order our People to desist from farther host [mutilated] with a View to bring about an amicable Reconciliation, tho really am apprehensive, the attempt will be unsuccessfull

I flatter myself that upon this occasion not [mutilated] ing our Government disputes, that we will be unaimous in oppo [mutilated] common Enemy: & therefore hope we will not stand in need of [mutilated] Assistanc below: at any rate, I expect we will be enabl [mutilated] stand our ground, long enough at least, to acquaint you wit [mutilated] inabilities to Resist alone, & to pray Assistance from your Qu [mutilated]

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Excuse (Dr. Sir) the inaccuracies of this Let [mutilated] this multiplicity of perplexing Circumstances which now engages [mutilated] attention, flowing from the Source mentioned, prevent me from [mutilated] as copious, on the Subject as I could wish; & therefore p [mutilated] me to subscribe myself

Your Friend & obedt Servt JOHN CONNELLY